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In step 822, a data structure record is created and the process requests another event from the user as in step 814. If, in step 816, the user does not wish to create a region associated with particular password rules, then the user is prompted to indicate if she/he wishes to modify the region, as in step 824. If so, the user modifies the region in step 826 with a user interface and the data structure record is updated in step 828. The user is then requested for another action input, as in step 814. Of course, if the user does not wish to create or modify a region associated with particular password rules, then in step 830, the user is asked if she/he wishes to remove the region. If so, the region is removed and the data structure record is refreshed, as in step 832. If the user does not wish to delete a region from particular password requirements, the program then exits as in step 890.

REMARKS

Entry of the above amendments is respectfully requested.

These amendments to the specification are not substantive in nature, but rather are directed merely to formal matters that can be easily ascertained by a cursory inspection of them in context of the drawings. The amendments conform the specification to the corrected formal drawings which were submitted July 23, 2001. In particular, the specification has been amended to correctly conform it to the Figure numbers as they now appear in the corrected formal drawings. In complying to the request for corrected drawings as stated in the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers and the existing Rules of Practice, the required drawing changes necessitated an increase in the number of formal sheets. The changes to the specification merely reflect this fact and the corresponding changes in Figure numbering to accomplish the noted changes.

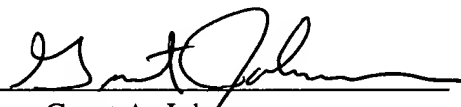
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An addendum is attached hereto with the foregoing amendments to the specification in an underlined and bracketed version.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the above amendments be entered. The present application is otherwise in condition of allowance.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned to discuss any unresolved outstanding issues.

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Version With Markings to Show Changes Made

Replace the paragraph on Page 9, lines 17-19 with the following:

[Figure 7 is] Figures 7A and 7B are a simplified flow chart of the processing within an electronic device which can modify the data structure associated with a particular geographic location.

Replace the paragraph on Page 9, lines 20-22 as follows:

[Figure 8 is] Figures 8A and 8B are a simplified flow chart of processing within an electronic device which can be used to modify the password rules within a geographic location.

Replace the paragraph on page 15, lines 26 through page 16, line 17 as follows:

[Figure 7 is] Figures 7A and 7B are a simplified process diagram following from step 630 of Figure 6. In step 700, the process is initiated, and in step 710, a user interface is invoked. As discussed, the user interface may be a map of the geographic location which can be manipulated to determine regions or it may be as simple as a request to enter longitude and latitude coordinates, street addresses, etc. Given the user interface, the program requests an action from the user in step 711. If the user wants to modify an existing password, as in step 712, then in step 714, the program retrieves the region data structure 310 set forth in Figure 3. The region associated with the password to be modified is highlighted or otherwise indicated, as in step 716. The user is prompted to enter a new password in step 718 and in step 720, the process determines if there are any rules associated with this region. If so, then in steps 722 and 724, the process inspects the new password for compliance with the password rules and, if in compliance, the process is routed back to block 720 to determine if there are any other password rules for the

region. If not, then in step 730, the password is changed and the user is prompted for another event, as in step 711. If, however, the new password is not in compliance with the password rules, then in step 726 a message is provided to the user and the program exits at step 728.

Replace the paragraph on page 16, lines 18-27 with the following:

In [Figure 7] Figures 7A and 7B, if the user does not wish to change a password at step 712, then the process inquires if the user wishes to create a new region in step 740. If so, then in step 742, the user enters the boundaries of the geographic region the user wishes to associate with a password, preferably using a graphical user interface to draw a polygon circumscribing the region. Otherwise, the user may just enter the boundaries or the latitude/longitude data, legal description, etc. The program creates a data record 320 for the region in step 744 including the priority and name of the region. The process then jumps to step 716 to highlight the region and prepare for entry and verification of a new password as described above.

Replace the paragraph on page 17, lines 10 through page 18, line 3 with the following:

[Figure 8 is] Figures 8A and 8B are a simplified flow chart of the process by which the rules of a password may be changed proceeding from step 650 of Figure 6. In step 800, the program is initiated and in step 810, the process inquires if the user is permitted access to change the password rules. Often, this step is set by an administrator of the password rules associated with the electronic processing device. If the user is permitted to change the password rules, then in step 812, the work is initialized with an appropriate user interface window. In step 814, the user initiates an event and the process determines if the event is to create a rules region, as in step 816. If so, then with a user interface, the

user creates a region in step 818 and in step 820 acquires the name of the rules program. In step 822, a data structure record is created and the process requests another event from the user as in step 814. If, in step 816, the user does not wish to create a region associated with particular password rules, then the user is prompted to indicate if she/he wishes to modify the region, as in step 824. If so, the user modifies the region in step 826 with a user interface and the data structure record is updated in step 828. The user is then requested for another action input, as in step 814. Of course, if the user does not wish to create or modify a region associated with particular password rules, then in step 830, the user is asked if she/he wishes to remove the region. If so, the region is removed and the data structure record is refreshed, as in step 832. If the user does not wish to delete a region from particular password requirements, the program then exits as in step 890.